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1. Check with TIBERIUS reveals that Johannes SCODLA was a hero of the Estonian War of Independence who eventually became head of the Operations Section of the Estonian War Office. In 1940 after the signing of the Estonian-Soviet Friendship Pact, SCODLA was assisted in emigrating to Germany by General LAINTAK, then Commander-in-Chief of the Estonian Army. After the German occupation of Estonia he was appointed Director of Estonian railroads and later became Inspector General of Estonian Army units which fought under the direction of the Germans. He received the title of Brigadier General from the Germans, but this title was never recognized by Estonian military personnel. With the retreat of the German Army, SCODLA returned to Germany, where he was arrested by the British after the German capitulation. TIBERIUS states that he was badly treated by the British, who later seemed to regret their actions and officially invited him to visit London. His wife, Irena SCODLA, and SCODLA himself have been engaged in work with the Displaced Persons program in Germany and at the present time SCODLA is continuing with work of this type in Trieste. His address is c/o Miss J. SCODE, Displaced Persons and Minorities Office, Trieste.

2. TIBERIUS states that SCODLA visited Stockholm in February 1952 under the cover of Coordinator of Relief Work, but that he actually was attempting to form Estonian military units. SCODLA is a top-ranking Estonian military figure who has engaged in considerable political activity in the past, and TIBERIUS says that he probably has numerous enemies in the non-conservative political groups.

3. Our own files contain considerable information on SCODLA and his wartime activities, but it is assumed that Headquarters will be able to supply this data to Germany.

4. TIBERIUS had no information on Major ELLANDI, and this individual's name is not contained in the [] files.

5. Any additional information which is developed on either of these persons will be forwarded.

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